(c) the measures being taken by Government for enhancing production and export of flowers from Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been taking steps to promote production and export of floriculture products through financial assistance to registered exporters of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), setting up of Agri-Export Zones (AEZs) for floriculture, cargo handling and cold storage facilities at international airports and wholesale market-cum-flower auction centres.

(c) The following measures have been taken to enhance production and export of flowers from Tamil Nadu:

- Tanflora Floriculture Infrastructure Park is under implementation at Hosur.
- Cold storage & cargo handling facilities have been set up at Chennai airport.
- Two Agri-Export Zones have been set up in the State of Tamil Nadu, one at Dharmapuri and the other at Nilgiris.

Restoration of free access to Indian Goods by US

1736. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has restored free access to goods from India, citing improved intellectual property rights;

(b) if so, whether according to US, India has made progress in providing an effective protection of intellectual property rights;

(c) if so, what is the full list of the duty free items or the value of access that has been made available to Indian goods;

(d) whether Indian exports of about $ 1 billion received duty free access or reduced duty benefits for entry to US market under the programme till 1990-92; and

(e) if so, whether Indo-US trade has grown significantly then and if so, to what extent this decision of US will further improve US-Indo trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The United States through a Presidential Proclamation, on June 29, 2005 has restored duty free access to certain Indian products mostly in the agro-chemicals and pharmaceuticals sector under the US Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

(c) to (e) The restoration of GSP benefits have been made in tariff lines falling mainly in Chapters 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of the Harmonized System Code. The full list is available on the website www.ustr.gov. It is expected that the exports of these relevant products would increase because of the duty free access.

Indo-Pak bilateral trade

1737. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has decided to allow duty free import of five commodities from India through the land route in a bid to increase bilateral trade with India;

(b) if so, to what extent this has been welcomed by the Union Government;

(c) whether Union Government has also urged Pakistan to restore Most Favoured Nation status to India;

(d) whether Pakistan has also already indicated to India that it will allow duty free import of 768 commodities from India;

(e) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been communicated to India; and

(f) if not, what are the main reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes Sir. Pakistan has allowed duty-free import of live animals, halal meats, garlic, onions, potatoes and tomatoes through land route at Wagah.